The motion that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 19,100 under Demand XIII—Police was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XV—INDUSTRIES INCLUDING CLAY REFINING AND PORCELAIN FACTORY.

Mr. C. Kumara Das: Sir, I beg to move an additional grant of Rs. 43,000 under Demand XV—Industries including Clay Refining and Porcelain Factory, for Capital Expenditure and working expenses of the Ceramic Factory.

This amount of Rs. 43,000 is made up of Rs. 30,000 towards capital expenditure and Rs. 13,000 towards the working expenses. At the beginning of the year we anticipated that a low output of clay would be enough to meet the demands. But during the course of the year, we were peculiary fortunate in securing a good market. Therefore we had to increase the output of the factory. In the course of operations to increase the output, certain additional works had to be done. On account of additional works, this additional grant is required.

As a result of the outbreak of war, the expenses have increased. The materials have gone up in value. As a consequence of the unexpected increase in cost of material, the working expenses too have gone up. I request the House to grant this expenditure.

The motion that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 43,000 under Demand XV—Industries including Clay Refining and Porcelain Factory was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XIX—AYURVEDA.

Mr. G. Narayanan Tampi (*Secretary to Government*): Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 2,000 under Demand XIX—Ayurveda. This is for the purchase of medicines for the Government Ayurveda Hospital, Trivandrum. The budget allotment under this item in the current year is Rs. 7,000. As pointed out by the honourable member Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai there are definite rules regulating the demands for supplementary grants. Such demands are made only when a new service comes up all on a sudden in the course of the year, not anticipated when framing the budget or when the sanctioned grant is found insufficient. The present demand comes under the latter category.

The budget grant under this head is only Rs. 7,000 as already stated. This has been found inadequate as the year draws to a close mainly because of the phenomenal increase in the number of patients, both in the in-patient and in the out-patient wards of the

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Ayurveda Hospital. The average daily attendance during 1114 was about 22 per cent. whereas during 1115 it has come up to 28·43 per cent. Further, the number of in-patients during the period ending the 31st Idavam 1114 was about 72,000 whereas, for the corresponding period in the current year it is very nearly 76,000. An additional ward too has been opened quite recently, *viz.*, the Panchakarma Ward, where massage and other modes of oil treatment are being carried on. Both for conducting treatment in this ward and for training up pupils in the *pizhichil*, *kozhichil*, *kizhi* and such other methods of oil treatment, a trained Ayurvedic Physician has been appointed. It may be of interest to the honourable members of this House to hear that, in so short a period as about one month, as many as about 38 successful cases have been handled by the Panchakarma specialist, including certain serious cases of chronic paralysis. These are the circumstances which necessitate the additional allotment asked for. I hope the House would have no objection to sanction the grant.

The motion that Government be granted an additional sum of Rs. 2,000 for purchase of medicines for the Government Ayurveda Hospital, Trivandrum was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

THE TRAVANCORE REGISTRATION ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: Sir, I beg to move that the Travancore Registration Act (Amendment) Bill as passed by the Assembly be taken into consideration.

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar: Sir, I second it.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: I may be permitted to say a few words by way of explanation in this connection. The Bill proposes to add a new Section to the Registration Act and to omit another section *viz.*, Section 48. The honourable members may be pleased to note that the new section is proposed for avoiding hardships that may arise in certain cases. Under the Registration Act, as it stands, a document has to be presented for registration by a duly authorised agent. A document which has not been so presented and registered will be invalid. No title, right or interset can be created, extinguished or transferred under an invalid document. It sometimes happens that a person who is supposed to be duly authorised but who in law is not, gets a document registered and its effect is discovered only after the matter is litigated upon. But there is no rule now available under the law

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